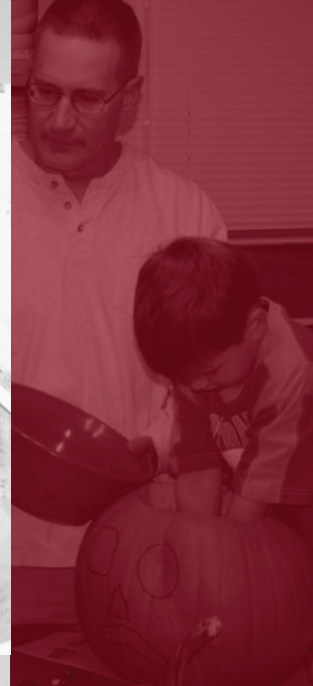
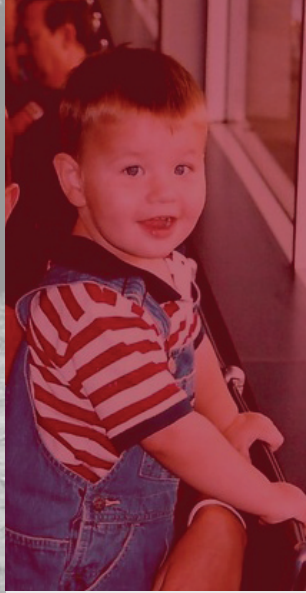




## A DECADE LATER



Family photos from the decade. Pictured are Chuck, Drake, and Creed Fox.

## Local family relives memories of that fateful day

**AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH**  
Co-Managing Editor

Penni Fox watched over her kindergarten class the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. The stay at home mom took a subbing job at the school where her son, Drake, was just starting fourth grade.

The school was a short three blocks away from their house on Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, six miles from the Pentagon. Her husband, Chuck, who now works as the student assistant coach for Northwest's women's basketball

team, was working on the Air Force base as part of the Disaster Control Group.

She began the day just like any other. She looked over lesson plans, met with her students and organized the day's events, not knowing the chaos that would ensue later that day.

"Parents started coming in and grabbing their kids," Penni said. "We tried to figure out what was going on. Finally, one of the dads had told us that a plane had hit the Pentagon."

Moments later, the school announced a code blue - immediate evacuation. The teachers

prepared to bus military kids to a nearby high school, because the base was locked down. Penni watched as the busses took kids from her school to the high school, dazed, puzzled and worried for her son and husband.

"Everything changed that day," Penni said, remembering the events that happened that fateful day 10 years ago.

Penni and Chuck moved to Maryville after his retirement in 2008. Chuck works as a GA in the

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## Missouri audit report reveals questionable activities conducted by past Northwest University officials

**TREY WILLIAMS**  
Editor-in-Chief

After 14 months of waiting, the not so stellar audit for Northwest has been revealed and the University is already looking toward the future.

"What's next is we're focusing on the future," President Jasinski said after the "fair" audit report, which ranks near the bottom of the scale.

"We don't agree with all of the findings but the ones that we do, we've already started to address those."

The audit report released late Tuesday afternoon revealed some holes in the University's monetary arena. In January 2010, The Missouri State Auditors office sent a team to assess the University's contracts, bids, flow of money.

The report states that former University president Dean Hubbard

was paid \$224,762 for the year after he stepped down. This may be in violation of the Missouri Constitution. In addition, he and his wife received health and accident insurance for two years after he left the University.

Northwest also paid close to \$9,000 to assist Hubbard in moving his personal property and furnishings to his new residence in Kansas City. On top of that, Hubbard received \$30,000 from the Northwest

Foundation in March 2009 in recognition of his 25 years of service to the University. It was also meant to compensate him for not being provided a vehicle for six years, though he received \$1,800 a month for a vehicle allowance.

Hubbard's 2004 employment agreement also entitled him to an annual miscellaneous allowance of \$12,500. However, in a two-year period, the former president still charged nearly \$3,000 for meal ex-

penses instead of paying for them from his personal expense allowance.

According to Jasinski, the University was presented with an exit report when the auditors finished up in July 2010.

On top of the possible law-breaking reports surrounding Hubbard, in a three-year period, Northwest subsidized more than \$3.3

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# Large freshmen class provides ups, downs

**TREY WILLIAMS**  
Editor-in-Chief

Dog-eared in the University's book of things-that-matter-most is a page that addresses student success and content with all aspects of Bearcat Nation.

With a record freshmen class – just around 1,500 – strolling the campus grounds, some University officials, such as President John Jasinski and Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs, credit the pride and interest Northwest student's have in the University.

"The word's getting out that we do a good job," Baker said. "Our students are our best ambassadors. They go back to their hometowns and their friends and say, 'Hey, this was a good deal, a good experience for me.'

"And I think that's as valuable as anything."

More students coming into the University bodes well for the school, but not without a few obstacles.

A freshmen class of this magnitude means that residence halls, campus dining and parking – among the most noticeably affected – are at full capacity.

"We're at a little bit of a tipping point," Jasinski said. "We're at something like 17 percent (increase) over four years. We've been growing and obviously our appropriations have been decreasing.

"We can't pretend that we're going to continue to grow at nauseam without a concomitant plan to address in terms of housing and classrooms as well."

This is a problem that the University finds itself needing to address with urgency. Finding a plan, balance or a point at which to draw the line is what University offices across the board are preparing for.

"One of the challenges we have in the short-term for the University is to make sure that we know where the ideal number of students is," Baker said.

"I think that will quickly turn into a short-term goal as to what is the right size and where is our tipping point, where we don't want to go over or else see huge problems with satisfaction and connection with students."

Though faced with these chal-

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President John Jasinski

lenges for the near future, the numbers are not yet official and the University is not too worried that things will not work out this year.

Jasinski said the freshmen enrollment numbers are not official until the census date Sept. 20, when every college reports its official numbers. And by then, the University will have lost some, not a lot, but certainly some students will not make the cut.

"It normally decreases. Everywhere a freshman comes in on Thursday, gets home sick, and goes home," Jasinski said. "A sophomore comes in on Thursday, gets arrested, mom and dad say come home. So, you lose some students... we're talking a one, two, three percent kind of deal."

Though the University anticipates decreases, talks may be beginning to cap enrollment, the record-breaking freshmen class this year has University officials excited about the possibilities.

"It says that prospective students found something of interest at Northwest Missouri State... so, Northwest is accessible, provides high quality academic and co-curricular experiences and it's affordable," Jasinski said. "That's what we believe freshmen, prospective students and their parents are saying "Wow, it's a great institution, it's great value and we really believe in the green and white."



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Backstage at the Charles Johnson Theatre, buckets await the next downpour to hit Maryville due to a leaky roof. Additionally, the stage became warped and the grand piano suffered water damage.

# Fine arts building suffers damage

## Student-created Facebook group brings awareness to the Olive DeLuce's sustaining repair budget

**DARLEEN DENNO**  
News Editor

In an age where text messages replace face-to-face interaction and word documents substitute pen and paper, students assemble to petition, not in front of a high-trafficked building, but on Facebook.

Senior KaTrina Kunkle stood on her figurative soapbox and created the Facebook group "Students for proper repairs of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building at NWMSU." The group currently has 147 members – 109 joined within two hours of the group's creation.

The Aug. 18 storm that tore siding, shattered windows and uprooted trees throughout northwest Missouri, also damaged the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building. The art store in the basement flooded. Buckets line the Charles Johnson Theatre stage where the roof leaked. A piano purchased only three years ago lies idle because it can no longer play music.

Feeling as if repairs to the Fine Arts building were not a high priority to the University, Kunkle posted a poll to hear suggestions on how to persuade the University to allocate additional funds toward repairing the building. The highest-rated answer, with 15

votes, was to invite President Jasinski for a student-led tour.

Kunkle then posted on President Jasinski's fan page: "If losing a \$100,000 piano isn't enough, what is??"

She didn't expect to receive a response from Jasinski; she thought it was a fan page run by the University.

Jasinski didn't let her comment go unnoticed. His comment on her post read: "We all regret the loss of equipment and damage to property throughout campus, and we remain committed to providing the best learning environment for our students. As you know, last week's storm was unique in its severity. We are continuing to determine the extent of damage, and we will develop a plan once our assessment is complete. In fact, Northwest's Leadership Team recently approved the building repair list for this academic year, and Olive DeLuce will receive repairs (including the roof!). Northwest has also allocated \$600,000 (divided over three years) to improve soundproofing, among other things."

Ernest Woodruff, department of music chair, said they would most likely know the extent of the damage by February.

Kunkle doubted the effect her Facebook group had on the repair budget, but was delighted that students and faculty joined in her effort to let the University hear their message.

"It got people talking about it and that really brings a new light to the situation."

# Empty seats, budget cuts start the Senate session

**PHILIP GRUENWALD**  
Opinion Editor

The 89th Student Senate kicked off the year with 15 empty seats and a budget cut by about 20 percent. But President Andrew Maddux is not worried.

"We actually had about two-thirds of our senators show up for the elections meeting, and we also had nine people show up who weren't on the list of candidates before," Maddux said. "So we actually are going

to have 30 to 32 people campaigning (for 15 seats) and it's definitely increasing."

Elections are Sept. 12-16, opening 8 a.m. Monday but accessible at all hours of the day. Students can access the ballots through their CatPAWS account.

Historically, about 11 percent of students vote for Student Senate elections. This is the trend for colleges across the country. Maddux and his executive board want all of the publicity they can get, which is why Treasurer Riley Ziemer sought to maintain the Senate's public relations budget.

Still, Ziemer has \$10,500 less to work with, compared with last year's budget.

"We started out with a budget of \$33,000," Ziemer said. "We anticipated an \$8,000 cut, but last year's starting budget was \$53,500... so a pretty hefty cut."

For student organizations, this means less funds to go around when they come to Senate and ask for appropriations. Those monies come from the organizational affairs committee, which is limited to \$15,000 this year.

"We cut that budget by \$1,000," Ziemer said. "Last year we ended up donating roughly \$24,000 for appropriations. So this year we're going to be a little more selective with our money donations."

Students who want funds for their organization can request a form from Brandon Clark, organizational affairs chair. However, Clark acknowledges that getting money from this year's Senate will be a more exhaustive process. For example, if two organizations are asking for the same amount of money, Clark's committee will likely favor the one that most benefits the Northwest community.

"Probably the organization or event that's going to affect the most students is going to get the top priority," Clark said. "But we are going to be looking a little more intensely at those instances."

A tighter budget means that senators will be "a lot more picky" with the way they vote on appropriations this year, according to Ziemer. But after discussions with Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs, Ziemer is confident that the 89th Student Senate will be able to fully serve Northwest.

"I feel like we have the best budget available," Ziemer said. "And that's my honest opinion."

Friday, September 9
Reception Studies Conference Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) Sponsored by the English department and the Reception Studies Society.
Room change week Week 2 of classes is free room change week. Students may move, no questions.
Southwest Baptists Purple Bash Volleyball at Bolivar, MO Northwest vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith Northwest vs. Central Oklahoma
Board of Regents Meeting J.W. Jones Student Union at 1:00 pm
Common Ground Rainbow Festival Barbeque Memorial Bell Tower at 3:00 pm (\$3 per person)
Sorority Recruitment J.W. Jones Student Union at 5:00 pm
Common Ground Rainbow Festival Concert Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion at 6:00 pm
Mel and Carol Tjeerdsma Reception/Dinner/Tribute Lamkin Activity Center at 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 10
Mel and Carol Tjeerdsma Day Bearcat Stadium
Reception Studies Conference Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) Sponsored by the English department and the Reception Studies Society.
Soccer at Newman Wichita, KS
Talent Development Center 25th Anniversary
Southwest Baptist's Purple Bash Volleyball at Bolivar, MO Northwest vs. Minnesota State at 1 p.m. Northwest vs. Lindenwood at 6:30 p.m.
Sorority Recruitment at 11 a.m.
Freshman/Sophomore Retreat Mozingo Lake Youth Camp and Challenge Course at 4 p.m.
Football vs. Sioux Falls Bearcat Stadium at 6 p.m
Sunday, September 11
Reception Studies Conference Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) Sponsored by the English department and the Reception Studies Society.
Tower Choir Retreat Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
Sorority Recruitment J.W. Jones Student Union at 1 p.m.
Freshman/Sophomore Retreat Mozingo Lake Youth Camp and Challenge Course
Catholic Mass Newman Center at 7 p.m.
Homecoming Fall Meetings Colden Hall at 7 p.m.

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# Mayor plans big for Maryville

**DARLEEN DENNO**  
News Editor

Mayor Ronnie Moss's comment to the community on the Maryville website reads: "My service to the community is to provide a listening post to questions and concerns of the citizens of Maryville."

Moss was elected mayor of Maryville in April 2011 into what is his fourth term overall. He retired as a professor of computer science —info systems at Northwest, served as mayor or pro tem from 2002-2003 and as mayor from 2002-2004. He stepped down in 2005 for three years, and then ran for a position on the city council in 2008.



Ronnie Moss  
City Mayor

Moss says the best part of his job is talking to citizens and planning events that bring people together. But job as mayor isn't always shaking hands, smiling at children visiting City Hall and signing papers.

"Suing somebody and having somebody arrested that's probably the worst part."

During his term, he and the city council are looking toward what they call "economic development" — examining what the council can do to bring people to Maryville. Citizens want a larger farmers' market, art fairs and antique shows.

"It's a lot of little things to keep me busy," Moss said.

The goal of event planning is to encourage tourism and boost the local economy. Events such as the county fair play a large role in bringing people together. But getting citizens engaged is Moss's game, and he intends to win. Citizens are invited to speak at city council meetings on the first and fourth Monday of every month.

"I like to visit with people," Moss said. "It's going to be a lot of planning, looking and discovering what people would like to see and how to make this happen."



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

The Art Experience Studio owner Lisa Loe shows one of her students how to mold clay on the wheel. Loe offers a wide range of art classes for all ages.

# New experience for local art enthusiasts

**MARY CONNORS**  
Chief Reporter

To widen the artistic scope, Maryville High School art teacher Lisa Loe opened an art gallery this summer, in hopes of exposing Maryville to its "art side."

Whether through its primitive characters painted on the sides of buildings or contemporary metal structures strategically placed to revitalize downtown streets, art has always played a role in the Maryville community. But despite Bearcat Nation's attempt to enhance creative activity, the opportunity itself, to practice artistic expression, is limited to art classes taken at Northwest.

The Art Experience studio, located on the corner of Fourth and Main Street, opened its doors mid-June and is one of several new businesses to the Maryville area. Loe, an art education major, has been teaching art to students for 17 years and is excited to have the chance to teach her passion to all ages.

"I used to do craft shows years ago before I had kids and I've always wanted to get back into it," Loe said. "The studio is an outside way for kids and adults to take art."

The Art Experience does not just focus on paintings; it offers a range of activities for affordable prices ranging from \$15 to \$85 depending on the type of classes and materials used. For kids, grades kindergarten through eighth, there are activities such as paper mache, clay construction, drawing, painting and more. Adults are able to participate in all of the above, along with ceramic slab wall deco,

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Lisa Loe

figure painting/drawing, mixed media workshops, bisque painting and staining glass. Children ages eight and older are invited to take wheel throwing, which has been the most popular class since the studio's opening.

Aside from classes offered, the gallery has already found ways to give back through its own fundraising opportunities. When gift cards are purchased, Loe donates \$10 to each participating group for every card that they sell. St. Gregory Catholic School and Eugene Field Elementary are both already participating. There are special opportunities available for camps, birthdays, businesses and sororities, as well.

"There's no place in the area that offers what we do," Loe said. "Art is a constantly growing and evolving thing and I love that the studio has allowed me to get back into what I love while also teaching it to others and spending time with my kids."

## Board of Regents meeting on Friday

The Board of Regents will conduct a meeting At 1p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 in the Board Room of the J.W. Jones Student Union The tentative agenda includes an update from the Health Care Task Force and the Finance Committee.

New business includes updating the student code of conduct and discussing benefit recommendations. A proposal to rename a road on campus, "Scott Bostwick Drive" will also be discussed as new business.

## Mel, Carol Tjeerdsma weekend celebration

Saturday's football game will celebrate former head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma and his wife Carol.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m. Friday with a reception at the Lamkin Activity Center foyer and a dinner-tribute follows at 7 p.m. in

Bearcat Arena.

Proceeds benefit the Coach-T Student Athlete success program.

Activities on Saturday begin at 4 p.m. in the Bearcat Zone and conclude with a halftime celebration during the game.

The game begins at 6:30 p.m.

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INTRO

For the sake of argument, forget about our eventual withdrawal. Forget about how next year’s potential change in office will bring a similar change on the battlefield. And even try to forget about George W. Bush’s debatable authority used to declare war. Observe where we are today and answer this question: Were the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan worth it?

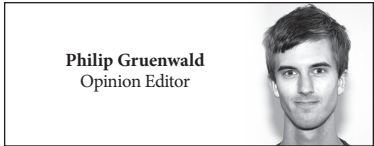


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Marines patrol the countryside, which has become a familiar sight for Afghani people since 2001. A platoon of Marines are stationed on the eastern edge of Marjah, Afghanistan, formerly a Taliban stronghold.

POINT

The wars were worth it



Philip Gruenwald  
Opinion Editor

Following the deadliest civilian catastrophe on American soil, something had to be done. Perhaps it was fueled by a sudden nationalistic sense of revenge, but the American population wanted someone to pay. Less than a month after the attacks, 97 percent of Republican citizens and 85 percent of Democrats approved the military action in Afghanistan, according to a CBS poll.

Our elected officials would not have done their job had they ignored the public opinion and sat on their hands. For the sake of democracy alone, the war was worth it.

Financially, the war has run a ticket of about \$1.3 trillion. That isn’t cheap, but think of it as an investment. We need to have that presence near the deadliest combination of hostility toward the free world, military rule and potential for nuclear misuse. So that we’re ready when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad finally snaps, the war was worth it.

Our military might also demonstrates active counter-terrorism; mess with the bull, you’re going to get the horns. Have we had major terrorism attacks on our shores since the war? And even though we owe that lack of terrorism to increased surveillance and safety precautions, the answer is no. To beat

terrorists at their own game, the war was worth it.

Let’s not forget the Iraqi and Afghan people. By overthrowing the Taliban, the Afghan people were liberated from a tyrannical government that massacred thousands of its own people. And with the help of American forces, the Iraqi people symbolically ridded themselves of Saddam Hussein’s rule before U.S. forces put a permanent end to his leadership.

This left the door open for a brand new democratic government. Prior to the first truly democratic Afghani election in decades, hundreds of candidates were entered. And although unorganized, the overwhelming amount of voter registration and female voting participation resurrected a previously dormant sense of democracy in the country. For reintroducing democracy to an oppressed people, the war was worth it.

The tragedy of Sept. 11 united Americans in ways best described by the cheesy songs that streamed through our radios shortly thereafter. But they weren’t cheesy at the time. They were symbols of our resolve – our manifesto to protect freedom – and they amplified our patriotism to sky-high levels.

Ironically, the very war that unified a diverse nation has now become a great polarizing force in America. The war has complicated bipartisanship efforts and now is seen only as a price tag. For the reasons listed above, America needs to once again stand behind the war effort and truly let freedom ring.

COUNTERPOINT

The tragedy born of 9/11



Jacob Taylor  
Contributing Columnist

Ten years ago, one of the most tragic events in American history occurred on Sept. 11. This day was marked by the deaths of nearly 3,000 United States citizens and the destruction of the World Trade Center, as well as heavy damage to the Pentagon and the loss of the passengers aboard Flight 93.

The United States then engaged in two wars after these attacks, in Iraq and in Afghanistan. These two military conflicts arose from the ashes of Ground Zero and have created even more tragedy for American citizens and their families. This day may live in infamy due to the attack launched on American soil, and also as the inspiration for two misbegotten attacks launched from American soil.

Whenever the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are brought into a conversation, one is liable to be engaged in a battle themselves. This issue is contentious, with the main question, was it worth it? The simple answer: no. Unless someone is an avid gamer, I doubt that anyone is willing to invest heavily in something that will only enact violence on others. However, this is just what the U.S. government did with two invasions that have cost, to date, \$1.283 trillion with mostly negative effects on U.S. soldiers - 6,406 deaths according to the Washington Post - and Afghani and Iraqi citizens.

CAMPUS TALK

What do you remember about September 11?



“I was just a little kid. I was like, ‘Oh that sucks,’ and I didn’t freak out about it because I didn’t know that was that big of a deal until later. ”

Keyonna Hawkins  
Psychology



“It was a sad day, everybody was really upset... later on at the Bell Tower, everybody sat in a circle and had a silent prayer. But it was just like time stood still – it was a terrible tragedy.”

Sue Dredge  
Union Custodian



“I was going to math class, and we went into math class and they had a huge TV screen and we thought we were going to watch a movie but it was definitely not.”

Elise Jones  
IDM and Computer Science



“I remember sitting in front of the TV and watching live the second plane hitting... I’m never going to forget that. It’s just one of those things that’s just going to stick with me for the rest of my life. ”

Chris Rodgers  
Journalism



“I was in class, it was just like any other day in fourth grade, over at Horace Mann actually... I remember I didn’t know what was going on, I just knew ‘Okay, something bad happened, obviously.’”

Ian Chanderler  
Broadcasting

A great iPhone debacle



Ty Stevens  
Web Developer

Some of you may recall the media coverage that surrounded Apple’s loss of its iPhone 4 prototype in March. The phone was found in a Redwood City, Calif., bar and then sold to Gizmodo.com for \$5,000. Gizmodo unveiled the iPhone 4 to the world with pictures and an in-depth analysis on their website.

The two men responsible for selling the iPhone 4 prototype were charged with misdemeanors as of last Friday.

Apparently, Apple still has not learned their lesson and in another brilliant act of stupidity has lost yet another iPhone prototype. The errant iPhone 5 went missing in San Francisco’s Mission district in late July while the employee was at a bar.

Here’s a thought, do not take your top secret unreleased iPhone to the bar to pick up significant others. Luckily, Apple

used their Big Brother technology and utilized a GPS feature on the phone to trace it to a house near the bar.

Two Apple security officers accompanied multiple San Francisco Police Department officers during the search of the house. What was left out of the initial report was that the officers stood outside while the Apple security people searched the house. After combing through the house and offering the owner \$300, the phone was still not found, according to www.cnet.com.

After last year’s debacle, Apple has taken extraordinary steps in protecting its prototype devices. Next-gen iPhones are sent to carriers for testing “inside locked and sealed boxes so that the carriers can carry out checks on their network compatibility in their labs,” according to the Guardian in London.

Instead of locked cases, how about a self-destruct feature, Apple, a la Mission Impossible? That has to be much more cost effective than your current strategy.

OUR VIEW: REBUILDING A STRONGER NATION

Strength through unity 10 years running

After the dust settled and the debris was collected, the American people made a hugely important transition from sorrow to resolve. We had buried our dead. We tearfully consoled those who lost loved ones. But the bond from our shared sorrow was nothing compared to the unity that came after we began picking ourselves up and dusting ourselves off.

That post-9/11 resolve – ac-

cented by George W. Bush’s infamous “Wanted: dead or alive” declaration – forever changed the way Americans saw themselves.

For one, post-9/11 Americans willingly “trade liberty for security,” a way of life abhorred by our founding fathers. The despised Patriot Act puts the sniffing nose of Big Brother squarely in our business, but less obvious are other pieces of heightened security.

Air travel is notoriously protective, even before the “hands-on” Transportation Security Administration agents earned their reputation. Rogue backpacks are now security threats. We have simply tightened our security measures.

Immediately following Sept. 11, our economy stuttered to compose itself before absolutely exploding. Bookended by the Sept. 11 attacks and the 2008 recession, oil and gas prices nearly tripled and Dow Industrials leapt from 8,000 shares to over 14,000. If the market expresses consumer attitudes, America was confident and resilient during its recovery.

Perhaps there was no greater influence on our recovery than the legacy of Flight 93, itself one of the most American acts in our history. Several on board sacrificed their lives to thwart the scheme of some remote maniac living in a cave on the other side of the world. But in doing so, they inspired us to do the same. Any inconvenient line at the airport or high price of a new purchase is worth the sacrifice, so we can show that we are definitely not defeated.



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A visitor gazes across the field near Shanksville, Pa., Aug. 14, where United Flight 93 crashed. The Flight 93 memorial will be dedicated Sept. 10.

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## NEXT STEP

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The Northwest defense will have its hands full with another dual threat quarterback after limiting Truman senior quarterback J.B. Clark to just two yards rushing and 150 passing yards on 14-of-30 passing with two interceptions.

Cougar sophomore quarterback Carrington Hanna threw for 242 yards against the Ichabods with two touchdowns and three interceptions. He also ran for 45 yards in the loss.

“It’s bad enough worrying about him just getting rid of the football, it’s another thing when he can go run,” defensive coordinator Rich Wright said. “It creates a different dynamic and a different set of challenges, but we’ve got to try and force him to throw the ball in situations where he’s not comfortable and minimize his effectiveness running

## DECADE

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Wellness Center, while assisting the Bearcat women’s basketball team. The Foxes have encountered many different twists and turns over the last decade, following Chuck’s immediate deployment after the attacks.

“I was in Guam for 60 days,” Chuck said. “The trips got longer down the road.”

That trip would be the first of many over the next seven years of their lives. Chuck would go on to serve in Oman, Baghdad just after the invasion, Kyrgyzstan and then Iraq.

“It was crazy because he had been to Desert Storm and Panama, but we didn’t have kids then,” Penni said. “This time I had a 9-year-old son who was quite irritated with mom and dad.”

From that day on, the family would adjust to the different elements around them reminding them of what was once a simpler country.

“It was a whole different environment,” Penni said. “That was one of the things that I liked about living in D.C. was the diversity, but after 9/11, all that stopped because everyone became a suspect.”

Penni and Drake spent Christmases putting up the red, white and blue tree, taking care of the house and contacting Chuck as much as they could. As years passed, the Fox family later welcomed another son, and looked forward to the days when Chuck would come home again.

“Drake would always say, ‘My dad’s a hero and mom’s just the one who makes me do my homework,’” Penni said.

Upon his retirement in 2008, Chuck describes the last decade as being somewhat chaotic but memorable in so many ways.

“Everybody was in shock that day. Not everybody was as close to

the ball against us as much as possible.”

Hanna was forced to throw often after Washburn jumped out to an early 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, not giving the Cougar running game much room to work as they finished the night with just 54 yards rushing.

Senior linebacker Chad Kilgore said losing at home is “unacceptable” as the ‘Cats look to take the momentum of their 65-3 win into this game and turn that into their first home victory.

“I think it’s the next step in our season,” Dorrel said. “I want to see how much we’ve gotten better. In the coaching profession, I think it’s a pretty universal agreement, most people think you make your biggest gains as a team between week one and week two.”

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. Former head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and his wife Carol will be honored at halftime.

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Penni Fox

it as we were but there were tons of people both directly and indirectly effected, but the country as a whole was united,” Chuck said.

The family has not lost their sense of devotion through the years, and Penni still remembers that day, amazed at how her family has come through it and the impact it has had on their country.

“We went to New York a couple summers ago and for me seeing the church that withstood the blast was probably the biggest thing for me,” Penni said. “Knowing what it went through and yet it was still there was amazing.”

Looking at the Foxes today, only one word can be used to describe their experience: resilient.

“It was a horrible thing that happened that day, but the best thing that came out of it was that we became a country again,” Penni said. “After 9/11, it didn’t matter what or who you were, you were an American.”

In the years since 9/11, Americans everywhere reflect on the emotions they felt, the stories they told and the hope we have for the future of our country.

“We’re not there in unity,” Penni said. “I hope that as people start to look at this 10 year anniversary, they will realize that we need to be Americans again.”

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## GOLF

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I don’t hit the greens, I worked on my putting,” D’Angela said.

McLaughlin is expecting more than just low scores from his sophomore duo after their successful freshmen campaigns.

“It’s great having that type of quality players,” McLaughlin said. “That also breeds success for the younger players coming in, because they have role models, who just as sophomores, are accomplished golfers.”

## AUDIT

CONTINUED FROM **A1**

million of the operating costs of the Northwest Foundation in violation of the Missouri Constitution. The University and the Northwest Foundation have not entered into a written agreement defining the objectives of any collaboration.

The audit report also found that the University raised room and board rates in each of the last four years, but does not have documentation of the annual reviews that would show how rates are determined.

D’Angela and Lowell have been able to find motivation to get better from each other.

“I love playing with Kristina. We are really good friends and have a good time,” Lowell said. “ We know how to help each other and push each other when it’s needed.”

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Jasinski addressed how, if at all, this will affect students.

“We work hard to focus on student success and access,” Jasinski said. “We’re at the top tier of satisfaction of students and the bottom tier in tuition and fees when compared to other institutions.”

According to the audit, the University has also failed to solicit competitive bids or proposals for auxiliary services for years, which is required by state law. Instead, the University extended and amended contracts with food services, facilities management, vending and bookstore in exchange for \$1.5 million in donations to fund a stadium

renovation.

The University also does not check the accuracy of weekly sales reports, the facilities management joint review committee has not met since July 2008 and the facilities management services contractor has not submitted an annual report since fiscal year 2006.

With the audit report now placed before the University administration, they look to address the issues it details.

“We’re not at all nervous (about the audit),” Jasinski said. “As you know there was no fraud or illegal activity, so now we just need to focus on moving forward.”



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Kristina D’Angela putts the ball at last seasons Green and Gold Spring Shootout .

# Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

**Sept. 4**  
Wesley W. Rockwood, 20, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP and Littering at 100 block North Main.

Lucas W. Clark, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP at 400 block West 4th Street.

**Sept. 2**  
Rachel F. Powers, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP at 200 block West 5th Street.

Jacob A. Zech, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP at 400 block North Main.

**Aug. 31**  
Grace E. Horvath, 18, Maryville, MO, Samantha K. Heibel, 18, Maryville, MO, James G. Faust, 18, Maryville, MO, Austin J. Albaugh, 18, Maryville, MO, and Jacob M. Sinnett, 18, Maryville, MO, were charged with

MIP on 1300 block North Mulberry.

An accident occurred between Diana L. Veeman, 65, Maryville, MO, and Donnetta Klawuhn, Shelby Township, MI, on 1100 block South Main.

**Aug. 30**  
Joseph C. Prater, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with possession of a fake I.D. at 1200 block South Main.

A bicycle was recovered at 200 block South Hester.

**Aug. 29**  
An accident occurred between Haylee B. Davis, Lexington, MO, and an unknown driver at 500 block N Fillmore.

**Aug. 28**  
John J. McCarthy, 22, Maryville, MO, was charged with Indecent Exposure on the 200 block East 4th.

Samantha J. Jones, 20, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP at 400 block North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of Larceny at 900 block North Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen vehicle at 700 block North Walnut.

Erik L. Waters, 18, Kearney, MO, Frankie J. Hawkins, 18, Kansas City, MO, Korey J. Kelso, 18, St. Joseph, MO, were charged with MIP at 300 block West 6th Street.

**Aug. 27**  
An accident occurred between Consumer’s Oil Company and an unknown driver at East 1st Street and South Depot.

Michael F. Kaufmann, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with resisting arrest,

false information to a PSO, permitting a peace disturbance, failure to comply, and MIP at 700 block North Fillmore.

Isaiah D Lawson, 18, St. Joseph, MO was charged with MIP and false information to a PSO on 600 block North Mulberry.

**Aug. 26**  
Savanna E. Bird, 20, Maryville, MO, was charged with possession of a fake I.D., MIP and resisting arrest on 200 block East 5th Street.

Zachary R. Teasley, 20, Maryville, MO, was charged with MIP at 400 block North Fillmore.

Robert J. Robertson, 60, Maryville, MO, was charged with a city code violation at 1500 block East Edwards.

Haylea M. Keller, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with knowingly

displaying another’s driver’s license as own at 400 block North Buchanan.

**Aug. 25**  
Cooperson L. Krauss, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with DWI, MIP, driving without a valid driver’s license and operating without headlamps at 600 block North Main.

**Aug. 24**  
Ryan C. Hoover, 19, Maryville, MO, was charged with possession of another’s driver’s license at 400 block North Buchanan.

**Aug. 22**  
An accident occurred between Linda K. Austin, 59, Maryville, MO, Elizabeth K. Huerta, 24, Maryville, MO, and Gayla K. Miller, 50, Hopkins, MO, at 1200 block South Main.













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Junior fullback Cole Forney rumbles toward the endzone in Maryville’s 36-30 victory over Smithville Friday. The ’Hounds scored 24 unanswered points to pull off a come-from-behind victory.

# Forney, defense power 2nd half MEC come-back

**CHRIS SCHOONOVER**  
Chief Sports Reporter

After a stunning second half comeback last week against Smithville, the Spoofhounds prepare to take on Class 5 McCluer (St. Louis).

Smithville senior quarterback Eric Gromacki keyed the Warrior’s passing attack, as he threw for 236 yards in the first half.

After a slow start offensively, the ’Hounds found themselves down, 30-12 going into halftime.

Sophomore running back Trent Nally opened up the second half with a 21-yard touchdown run to

pull the game within 10 points.

Nally ran for 117 to go along with his touchdown.

That set the tone for the rest of the half, as the ’Hounds were able to control the ball with an efficient rushing attack and a smothering defense.

Senior fullback Cole Forney rushed into the endzone at the start of the fourth quarter to put the Spoofhounds within two and added another touchdown to put them up by six with 3:45 left in the game.

“We knew after last weeks performance we could execute if we wanted to,” Forney said. “That first touchdown drive was huge. It

turned it back to a ten point game and gave us the momentum back.”

Forney finished the night with 112 yards on 17 carries and four touchdowns.

Smithville had a shot to take the lead, but with 1:45 left in the game the Warriors had a 40-yard pass called back because of an illegal forward pass. The ’Hounds were able to run out the clock from there.

“I think they are happy that they came back, but more upset that they let it get like it did,” head coach Chris Holt said. “Its an eye opener, so that’s good for our kids.”

This week the Spoofhounds travel to Florissant to take on the

winless McCluer Comets. The Comets fell to McCluer North last week 38-21.

Last year the ’Hounds defeated McCluer 36-22 and Holt expects more of the same.

“Scheme wise, they are running the same things as they did last year, so we won’t be surprised by anything,” Holt said.

The ’Hounds go on the road at 1 p.m. Saturday to play McCluer.

The Comets (0-2) are a Class 5 school located northwest of St. Louis and are one of the smallest Class 5 schools in the state. The ’Hounds have experience with preparing for long rides, having taken four char-

ters in the last three years.

“For our juniors and seniors, they are used to this,” Holt said. “We give them an itinerary early in the week, so this isn’t a surprise for them.”

“That first touchdown drive was huge. It gave us the momentum back.”

Cole Forney

# Hermelink leads way in shutout over Cardinals

**JASON LAWRENCE**  
Sports Editor

The momentum could have swung wildly in the Spoofhound boy’s soccer team’s favor on Tuesday, but Maryville missed several scoring chances by a matter of inches.

The ’Hounds scored three goals, but had 22 shots on goal, sneaking a few outside each post in the first half and getting several untimely offside calls in the second half.

In the 37th minute, junior forward Lane Hermelink capitalized on a pass from senior midfielder Shawn Scheffe, firing a shot past an outstretched Benton keeper.

Scheffe left the game with an apparent toe injury, but returned to the game a few minutes later.

“The kid never goes half speed. When he’s on the field, he’s giving me 100 percent,” head coach Stuart Collins said. “I can just imagine the pain he was in to ask me to come off the field. It couldn’t have been good. I’m just happy that we had a band aid to put on it and make it easier for him.”

Fourteen minutes into the second half, Hermelink had a goal

called off due to an offside call. Hermelink was called offside four times in the second half.

“It was making me pretty frustrated, but we got what we needed to get the win,” Hermelink said.

Hermelink was able to bounce a shot off of Benton keeper Gage Budgett and into the back of the net in the 61st minute, padding the ’Hounds’ lead on a senior midfielder Ryan Vandivert assist.

“Lane worked hard,” Collins said. “He worked exceptionally hard. He must have been over-eager. I couldn’t see the offsides call, but when you get called off that many times, it just means that you’re hungry and working for it, you just have to be a bit more patient. He’s really working into that position well.”

Senior midfielder Boston Schneider put the game away in the 77th minute off another Scheffe assist.

The victory evened Maryville’s record up at 2-2 after a pair of losses closed out the Barstow tournament last weekend.

“It was big. We played really well down there. I told the boys I wasn’t disappointed in them at all,”



JASON LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior forward Lane Hermelink lines up a shot in Maryville’s 3-0 victory over St. Joseph-Benton on Tuesday. Hermelink scored two goals and had another score called off following an offside penalty.

Collins said. “We had a couple unlucky things happen. That’s going to happen in any game you play, you just have to shake those off and go on to the next thing.”

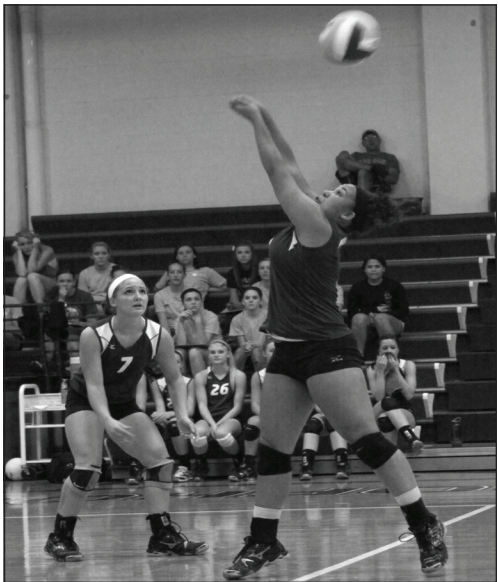
Maryville’s offense will get a lift as senior forward Calvin Tal-

madge will return to action after sitting out due to a undisclosed disciplinary issue.

The ’Hounds are back on the pitch at 5 p.m. today against Lafayette in the Excelsior Springs Tournament.

“We lost a game to Lafayette last year and they didn’t graduate anybody,” Collins said. “That means that we’ve got to bring our ’A’ game. If we do, then we’re going to be in it. I’m happy to say that I think we will be.”

Senior Kaylee Green bumps the ball to Tarkio opponent on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Maryville High School.



LORI FRANKENFIELD  
NW MISSOURIAN

# Maryville buries Tarkio after snapping slow start

**CHRIS SCHOONOVER**  
Chief Sports Reporter

The Spoofhound volleyball team had no trouble with Tarkio Tuesday night, winning in straight games, 2-0.

The ’Hounds started game one struggling to get into a rhythm, only up 5-4 early in the set.

“I think it’s a mental thing,” head coach Lori Klaus said. “I don’t think we played bad, we just weren’t playing our game.”

Maryville then went on a 7-2 run, forcing Tarkio to take a timeout, but did not let up as they finished off the set, 25-9.

The second set featured more of the same from the Spoofhounds as their early struggles continued.

Once again the ’Hounds were able to go on a scoring run and finished off the set 25-8.

“Volleyball is a game of momentum and in order to keep the momentum on your side, you have to let the mistakes go,” Klaus said. “Its something we practice and something we talk about a lot.”

Klaus saw a lot of things the ’Hounds practiced coming into play on the court.

“I thought they were moving well and talking well,” Klaus said. “We also covered well if anyone

got blocked, so I thought it came together pretty well tonight.”

The Spoofhounds placed third in the Fairfax Tournament on Sept. 3 as they defeated Fairfax in straight sets, 25-21 and 25-8, in their opening round match.

The ’Hounds suffered their first loss of the season against Benton, 17-25 and 24-26, in their second match of the tournament.

Maryville rebounded to beat Lafayette, 25-20 and 26-24, to take third place.

The Spoofhounds (4-1) go on the road at 5 p.m. on Thursday to play Bishop LeBlond in St. Joseph.



# Seniors ride youth movement

TONY BOTTS  
Co-Managing Editor

Head volleyball coach Jessica Rinehart knew there would be road bumps with a young team. This year's roster is filled with 11 players with a sophomore eligibility classification or younger. That leaves only four juniors and two seniors to anchor the program's experience. That lack of experience showed after a two-loss day Saturday, following back-to-back wins last Friday night. "We have moments of awesomeness and we have to be able to string those together and play consistently," Rinehart said. "I don't think the team tailored off, I just don't think we were able to hang at this point in the season with our young group." Now, Rinehart's job, along with seniors Alex Hanna and Laura Akin, is to find a way to correct inexperienced mistakes before this week-

end's Southwest Baptist Purple Bash. The Bearcats square off against four teams in the Friday-Saturday tournament, including two future MIAA opponents, Lindenwood and Central Oklahoma. But before the 'Cats focus on the weekend's slate of games, this week's practice schedule required their attention. The 'Cats jumped out to 2-0 start the Nebraska-Omaha Showcase last Friday, staking 3-1 wins over Minnesota-Moorehead and Northern State. "We went to bed on Friday night undefeated," Rinehart said. "We felt pretty good about that. But we knew the teams that we were going to face on Saturday were tougher teams. The momentum could not be carried into Saturday. Rinehart and Northwest picked up two 3-1 losses on day two, falling to both Augustana and Winona State. "We just weren't able to maintain throughout the entire day Sat-

urday," Rinehart said. "We want to be able to play four full matches in a weekend, and for some of our new players that's just an adjustment." However, for Akin, leaving the UNO tournament with a .500 record was not a let down. "I could say I'm disappointed, but I'm not," Akin said. "A loss is obviously not going to look good on a record...but we are playing with a lot of new kids on the court. They're young; they don't understand how this works yet. I'm not worried. I have faith in them."

"We have moments of awesomeness and we have to be able to string those together."

Jessica Rinehart



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN  
Freshman Abby Graves hits the ball over the net during a scrimmage Aug. 21.



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN  
Junior Tess Edwards tracks her ball on the par-four hole-3 last season. Edwards, one of three returning players, placed in the top 20 in eight of her 10 meets last year.

## Depth costs experience

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Chief Sports Reporter

The Northwest women's golf team is expecting youth not to be an issue coming into this fall season after their record setting season. After losing three seniors to graduation, head coach Pat McLaughlin is turning to two sophomores and up-and-coming freshman to shoulder the load for the Bearcats. The 'Cats return MIAA Freshman of the Year Cassie Lowell, whom has been hindered by a knee injury this summer. "I haven't been able to practice as much as I wanted to," Lowell said. "I've still been practicing and focusing a lot more on my short game." Lowell expects to be in full swing come the season opener after a recent check-up. Fellow sophomore Kristina D'Angela also returns to the team after a busy offseason. "I saw my coach a lot. We worked on gaining for distance and hitting more greens. Also, for when

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# ATHLETES of the WEEK



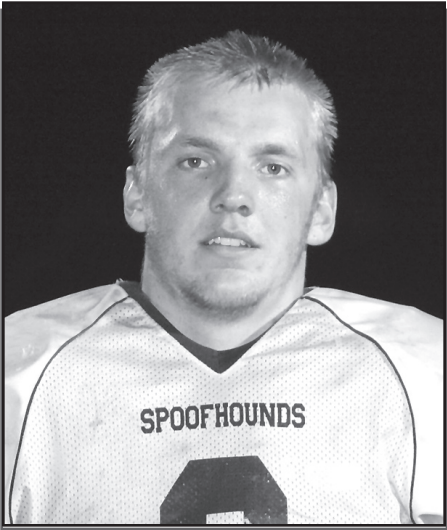
## BEARCATS

Blake Christopher

Tammie Eiberger

Cole Forney

Kaylee Green



Senior quarterback Blake Christopher passed for 263 yards in his debut as a starter, completing 14-of-19 passes with two touchdowns in the Bearcats 65-3 win over Truman.

Senior forward Tammie Eiberger scored three goals in the 'Cats' 4-3 overtime loss to Texas A&M Commerce and netted the game winner against Wayne State.

Junior fullback Cole Forney ran for 112 yards on 17 carries and four touchdowns to lead the Spoofhounds to a 36-30 come-from-behind victory over Smithville.

Senior middle hitter Kaylee Green recorded 31 kills and 11 blocks in three games at the Fairfax Tournament and helped the 'Hounds to a third place finish.

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# Season-opener slump busted

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Chief Sports Reporter

For the last four years the Bearcat football team has exemplified the phrase “slow start.” Since 2006, the ‘Cats have failed to win their season opener, but have been able to win 47 straight conference games and appeared in three national championships, including winning the 2009 title. The previous losses come at the hands of University of Nebraska-Omaha, Abilene Christian, Texas A&M-Kingsville twice, all programs were at one time nationally ranked. The first game loss is all most students know at Northwest because it began when most of them were still in high school, but after Thursday night they have new memories of opening week. This season the Bearcats were able to finally get the preverbal monkey off their back as they defeated Truman State in their season opener, 65-3. “We weren’t really thinking about how we’ve lost all these first week games the however many years,” senior linebacker Chad Kilgore said. “We were just thinking about how we need to go out there

and lay the wood.” First-year head coach Adam Dorrel was not a believer in the recent week one curse. “Not to sound cocky, but I’ve always been very confident in my ability,” Dorrel said. “I thought my preparation was good and I thought my staff’s preparation was really good. “We felt like we were doing too much early in the season, scheme wise. We had always in the past put in all of our defense, all of our offense, and all of our special teams. We felt like that prohibited us from playing fast and we didn’t do that this year.” This victory comes after a rocky offseason, that included the retirement of 17-year head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the passing of his replacement, Scott Bostwick, weighing heavily on the minds of the players and coaches “Everything I do, whether it’s working out or before and after the game, it’s always the first and last thing I think about,” Kilgore said. “If I get tired it’s just a fuel.” New defensive coordinator Rich Wright looks at the first game as more of a stepping stone to something greater, much like Bostwick would have.

“This was just one step and it’s one step for him and he would’ve said the same thing,” Wright said. “It’s not about winning week one, it’s about how we finish, especially with the expectations there are around Bearcat Nation.” Winning the first game of the season has not taken any pressure off of Dorrel. “I feel pressure everyday. I feel it everyday when I wake up,” Dorrel said. “I feel a tremendous sense of responsibility to this institution, to the alumni, to our kids, and friends of mine that have played here.”

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Chad Kilgore



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN  
The Bearcats raise the Ol’ Hickory Stick, Thursday, Sept. 1, in Kirksville, Mo.



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior linebacker Chad Kilgore jars the ball loose from a Truman receiver. Northwest won its first season-opener in 5 years.

## Dorrel, Bearcats look to take next step with home victory

JASON LAWRENCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sioux Falls is not a team that will be easily intimidated. The same sentiment was echoed over and over, from players and coaches alike. “I definitely don’t expect them to be intimidated,” senior tight end Kyle Kilgore said. “They lost a tough game to a good team. I don’t think they’re going to be phased by coming here to play us. I think they’ll be ready and I’m just looking forward to the challenge it brings.” The Cougars, in their first year of competition in Division II, have lost only two games over the last five years, both in the NAIA National Championship game to Carroll College. However, coming off a 33-17 loss to fellow MIAA-member Washburn last Thursday, the Cougars showed a little vulnerability. Sioux Falls is in a similar situation as the Bearcats. They had a lot

of roster turnover following their 2010 NAIA Championship game loss, but head coach Adam Dorrel likens the Cougars to Minnesota-Duluth. “They’re very technically sound, their schemes are really good,” Dorrel said. “They’re tough people and that has a lot to do with the climate, so they get a really tough kid physically and then mold him into what they want. “They’re a lot like us, they’ve got a lot of new kids, not a lot of experience, and when you have that, confidence is a fragile thing.” Last week, Washburn senior quarterback Dane Simoneau shredded the Cougar defense for a school-record 452 yards passing with five touchdowns. Kilgore sees the passing game as an area the ‘Cats can exploit. “We’ve obviously got a ton of speed on offense, so I think we’ll be able to hopefully use that to our advantage this week,” Kilgore said.

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# North Alabama leaving D-II effects entire division landscape

JASON LAWRENCE  
Sports Editor

North Alabama’s decision to leave Division II in two years threw another wrench into the inner-workings of college football. Not only does their departure leave a void in the Gulf South Conference, much like the one Jacksonville State and Troy created when they left the conference in the early 1990s, but the Lions leaving D-II leaves a bigger void. Florence, Ala. is home to not only the Lions, but the Division II

National Championship game, the Division II Hall of Fame and the Harlon Hill Trophy, D-II’s Heisman Trophy. The real question that comes out of UNA’s decision is not who will take their spot among the division’s elite, but where will be the championship game, hall of fame and Harlon Hill’s new address? Obviously, I would love for Maryville to inherit D-II’s biggest football assets, but I find it highly unlikely for the sheer reason that it’s ridiculously cold and the weather is too unpredictable in the Midwest in December. The championship game should move somewhere warmer, eliminating most of the northern part of the

country, as well as the east coast and Midwest. While most of the division’s 300-plus institutions reside in the eastern part of the United States, it would be in the best interest of Division II to take a similar approach to the situation they face as the NFL does, housing their hall of fame at a location that is not tied into the championship game and moving the championship game each year to different facilities to allow fans from different schools the opportunity to attend. Instead, the NCAA hosts the game in a location that makes it difficult for fans from the northern-most part of the U.S., as well as the west coast, to attend.

Placing the Harlon Hill trophy and Hall of Fame somewhere along the east coast, say North Carolina – which is home to more than 20 Division II institutions – would be a good alternative. In 2008, when Northwest played (and eventually lost to) Minnesota-Duluth in the title game, very few Duluth fans were able to attend because of the travel requirements. An overwhelming number of fans were students at UNA or Alabama residents. Would this change with my proposal of moving the game around? It would remain to be seen, however, more fans from different parts of the country would be able to see teams that reside outside of their

home team’s conference more often and the game’s participants would ultimately have a chance to host the game. Again, I think the NFL would be a decent model for establishing a way of voting for a location. At the beginning of the playoffs, each university interested in hosting the game should submit an application of why they are worthy of hosting and a committee of NCAA officials and select university officials meet and vote on a site for the following year to be announced at the title game. Is it a perfect system? No. But it is better than waiting until another host school ultimately leaves the division for the riches promised in Division I.